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SUBJ: EUROCOMMUNISTS ON CUBA

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1. SEVERAL WESTERN EUROPEAN COMMUNISTS, VISITING CUBA FOR MONCADA ANNIVERSARY AND WORLD YOUTH FESTIVAL, HAVE REMARKED TO WESTERN JOURNALISTS OR DIPLOMATS HERE ON CASTRO'S JULY 26 SPEECH (REFTEL) WHICH CONDEMNED US HUMAN RIGHTS ADVOCACY AND "MODERATE" MEMBERS OF NON-ALIGNED MOVEMENT. MAJOR WESTERN CP REPRESENTATIVES SEEM STRIKINGLY UNCRITICAL.

2. SPANISH COMMUNIST PARTY SECRETARY-GENERAL SANTIAGO CARRILLO COYLY ASKED SPANISH CHARGE WHETHER HE THOUGHT CASTRO WAS CRITICIZ-
ING SPANISH CP, BUT CARRILLO, ACCORDING TO CHARGE, WAS NOT NOTICE-
ABLY UPSET OVER CASTRO'S REMARKS. (COMMENT: CARRILLO WAS RECEIVED BY FIDEL CASTRO. ACCORDING TO SOME WESTERN JOURNALISTS, CARRILLO'S TRIP HERE WAS MOTIVATED BY NEED TO PROTECT HIS POLITICAL FLANK FROM ORTHODOX MOSCOW-ORIENTED CRITICS. CARRILLO, INCIDENTALLY, REFUSED TO ANSWER QUESTIONS OF US JOURNALISTS

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COVERING FESTIVAL - PERHAPS WISHING TO DOWN PLAY HIS PRESENCE HERE TO NON-PARTY AUDIENCES. CARRILLO TOLD SPANISH CHARGE THAT SOCIALIST FELIPE GONZALEZ HAD ALSO BEEN INVITED TO FESTIVAL, BUT WAS UNABLE TO ATTEND BECAUSE OF SPANISH CONSTITUTIONAL DELIBERATIONS. CARRILLO SAID HE HAD TRIED TO SCHEDULE MEETING WITH SUAREZ TO EXPLAIN HIS DECISION TO COME TO HAVANA AND HIS SUPPORT FOR NEW CONSTITUTION BUT WAS UNABLE TO GET TIMELY

APPOINTMENT.)

3. ITALIAN COMMUNIST PARTY POLITBURO MEMBER GUIDO FANTI TOLD ITALIAN AMBASSADOR THAT HE WAS "SURPRISED" AT CASTRO'S SPEECH, BUT HE WAS NOT EXCESSIVELY CRITICAL OF CUBAN LEADER'S REMARKS.

(COMMENT: FANTI WAS ALSO RECEIVED BY CASTRO.)

4. GREEK COMMUNISTS, ON OTHER HAND, TOLD WESTERN JOURNALISTS THAT THEY WERE HIGHLY UPSET OVER CASTRO'S REMARKS.

5. COMMENT: MAJOR SPANISH AND ITALIAN EUROCOMMUNIST PARTY REPRESENTATIVES, THUS, WERE NOT VERY CRITICAL OF CASTRO'S DOGMATIC SPEECH. WHILE SOLIDARITY MAY BE A NORM AMONG COMMUNISTS, IT IS INTERESTING THAT SPANISH AND ITALIAN CP LEADERS, SPEAKING TO THEIR GOVERNMENT'S DIPLOMATS, DID NOT SEEK TO STRIKE MORE ENLIGHTENED, INDEPENDENT POSTURE.

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